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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE TIMOR- COMMENTS ON SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR
BY MR. AHMED, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL

1. MR. R. AHMED, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO UN SECRETARY
GENERAL (UNSYG) WALDHEIM ACCOMPANIED LATTER ON FEBRUARY
VISIT TO AUSTRALIA.

2. AHMED HAS COMMENTED TO US THAT PUBLIC SENTIMENT IN
AUSTRALIA SUPPORTING FRETILIN IN EAST TIMOR RELATES TO
OCTOBER 1975 DEATHS OF FIVE AUSTRALIAN JOURNALISTS WHILE
ACCOMPANYING FRETILIN ELEMENTS IN EAST TIMOR AS WELL AS
TO FACT THAT SMALL AUSTRALIAN FORCE ASSISTED BY TIMORESE
STOOD OFF MUCH LARGER JAPANESE FORCES DURING WORLD WAR II
IN SAME RUGGED MOUNTANIOUS ZONE THAT FRETILIN NOW OCCUPIES.
AHMED PREDICTED THAT PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT FORCES
AIDED BY INDONESIANS COULD HAVE AS DIFFICULT A TIME
DISLODGING THE FRETILIN AS IT WAS FOR ENCIRCIRCLING JAPANESE
TO OVERCOME THE AUSTRALIAN - TIMORESE FORCE.

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